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Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

CDC Finds Fluorochemicals May Pose Risk at Levels Lower than EPA

By Pat Rizzuto

Exposure to two fluorochemicals increasingly detected in drinking water across the U.S. may pose health risks at exposure levels lower than those recommended by the EPA, according to information the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released.

Trump's Superfund Nominee Makes Climate Pledge

By Sylvia Carignan

Plans to clean up some of the most contaminated sites in the U.S. will be more sensitive to severe weather risks and the effects of climate change, the White

House's nominee to lead the EPA's Superfund cleanups promised senators June 20.

Pruitt's Ethics Allegations Dog Nominees for EPA Posts at Hearing

By Sylvia Carignan

Members of a Senate panel pressed two nominees for EPA posts, including Superfund program chief, for assurances they wouldn't fall prey to unethical behavior.

Puerto Rican Grid Upgrades, Response Plan Urged by Energy Agency

By Rebecca Kern

An Energy Department report recommends updating the agency's response plans for future electricity-grid emergencies and replacing transmission towers with updated equipment as ways to make Puerto Rico's grid more resilient.

TODAY'S NEWS

Taxpayer Groups Warm to Coolant Deal, Splitting Conservatives (Corrected)

By Abby Smith

A global deal to limit climate-warming coolants has its newest backers: a team of conservative taxpayer advocacy groups.

Low-Income Residents Forgotten in Climate Resilience Plans: Study

By Ayanna Alexander

Growing threats from climate change are putting city dwellers—particularly in low-income areas—at a higher risk of being affected.

Exxon Still Isn't Complying With Climate Subpoenas, N.Y. Says

By Erik Larson

Exxon Mobil Corp. is refusing to turn over documents crucial to New York's investigation into whether the oil giant's public statements about climate change misled investors, the state's top lawyer said.

Senate GOP Ally of Pruitt's Says Concerns Allayed After Meeting (1)

By Ari Natter

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's longtime friend and political ally on Capitol Hill is walking back his criticism of the embattled agency leader after the two met June 19 evening.

EPA Is Said to Propose Redistributing Waived Biofuel Quotas

By Mario Parker

The EPA is set to propose reallocating waived biofuel requirements from exempted refineries as part of a slate of renewable fuel quotas, according to a person briefed on the plans who asked not to be named before a formal announcement.

Syngenta Eyes 'A World With Less Pesticides'

By Stephen Gardner

Pesticide giant Syngenta AG has a vision to improve the efficiency of farming to a degree that some agricultural land can be handed back to nature, a company official told Bloomberg Environment.

Puerto Rico Signs Law to Overhaul Storm-Battered Energy Utility

By Yalixa Rivera

Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello signed into law June 20 a bill that clears the way for the partial privatization of the island's bankrupt electric company, which has been plagued by aging infrastructure and mismanagement that left millions in the dark after Hurricane Maria.

TransCanada Keystone XL May Be One Oil Pipeline Too Many

By Robert Tuttle

TransCanada Corp.'s Keystone XL may be one pipeline too many for Canada, at least for now.

Solar Prices Nosedive After China Pullback Floods Global Market

By Christopher Martin

Solar panels were already getting cheaper this year, and then China pulled the plug this month on about 20 gigawatts of domestic installations. The result was a glut of global inventories, and now prices are plunging even faster.

OPEC Told by Climate Czar to Pivot from Oil or Prepare to Suffer

By Jonathan Tirone

The world's biggest crude exporters need to support the transition away from oil or prepare for growing climate-induced destabilization that could wreck their markets, the United Nation's top environment official said.

Protectionism to Incentivize Countries to Adopt Carbon Pricing

By Mathew Carr

Protectionist politics is increasing the likelihood that more nations will adopt carbon pricing to help safeguard their industry from regions with limited climate policies, according to Equinor ASA's chief economist.

Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Trimmed in Bill Panel OKs

By Alan Kovski

Federal obligations for environmental impact analyses in oil and gas fields would be reduced in some circumstances by a bill approved by the House Natural Resources Committee, the occasion for another round of argument over the National Environmental Policy Act.

Occidental Gets a \$350 Million Edge as Permian Pipelines Fill Up

By Ryan Collins and Kevin Crowley

As many of its rivals struggle to move oil from the Permian Basin to the Gulf Coast in search of higher prices, Occidental Petroleum Corp. is sitting pretty at a time when pipeline space is at a premium.

Carmakers Seen Wasting Billions on Electric, Autonomous Cars

By David Welch

Automakers are in a pickle. If they don't invest in electric cars and self-driving technology, investors shun them. If they do, they risk burning billions of dollars on cars that won't make money, according to a new study from consulting firm AlixPartners.

Petrobras Recovery Clouded by Candidates Attacking Fuel Prices

By Vinicius Andrade and Sabrina Valle

The political backlash to rising fuel prices in Brazil has wiped out nearly half of Petrobras' market value and delivered investors a harsh reminder of the perils facing government-controlled oil companies in an election year.

EPA: No Decision Yet on Tar Creek Audit Suit

By Peter Hayes

The EPA hasn't decided whether to release information about Administrator Scott Pruitt's refusal to make the results of audits finding potentially criminal conduct in the operation of a hazardous waste fund public.

Daimler Faces German Shareholder Suit Over Diesel Emissions

By Stephanie Bodoni

Daimler AG was sued by a shareholder over whether the carmaker misled investors about the severity of the diesel emissions scandal that has enveloped most of the German auto industry.

Copperbelt Energy of Zambia Eyes \$250 Million Power Investment

By Kamlesh Bhuckory

Copperbelt Energy Corp.—the Zambian electricity supplier with customers including Glencore Plc’s copper mines—may invest as much as \$250 million in solar projects and transmission lines in the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo, Chief Executive Officer Owen Silavwe said.

Anglo American Gets Authorization to Prospect for Copper in Amazon

By Michael Kepp

Anglo American PLC received authorization to prospect for copper in two Amazon states in northern Brazil along rivers that flow through nearby Indian lands.

Icahn Expected to Speed Push for Sandridge Sale After Board Win

By Scott Deveau and Alex Nussbaum

Carl Icahn’s takeover of SandRidge Energy Inc.’s board means the shale gas explorer’s days are likely numbered.

Mobile Phone Apps Emerge as Latest Threat to Electric Utilities

By Rachel Morison

Utilities need to be more like technology companies to survive.

Engie Gets \$139 Million Tax Bill as EU Bans Luxembourg Pact

By Stephanie Bodoni

French energy utility Engie SA faces a 120 million-euro (\$139 million) tax bill after the European Union said it benefited from an unfair fiscal arrangement with Luxembourg.

Shale Giant Says Permian Oil Faces Shut Ins on Pipe Shortage

By Javier Blas

The biggest U.S. shale region will have to shut wells within four months because there aren't enough pipelines to get the oil to customers, the head of one of the industry's largest producers said.

TUESDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Nova Chemicals Makes Plea to Reduce Patent Charge Lost to Dow

By James Munson

A global petrochemical company owned by the emirate of Abu Dhabi made a pitch to reduce a C\$645 million (\$485.5 million) patent charge by more than half in a Canadian court.

Exelon, First Solar Bankroll Campaign to Push a U.S. Carbon Tax

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

Major energy companies, including the largest U.S. nuclear power generator, are putting millions of dollars into a new political campaign to push for a tax on carbon dioxide emissions—a measure President Donald Trump has said he opposes.

Natural Gas Export Boom Brings Challenges for Top Energy Regulator

By Stephen Cunningham

The top U.S. energy regulator is hiring private contractors for the first time to help clear a growing backlog of LNG export applications.

EPA Stands Pat on Chemical Spill Regulations, Despite Suit

By David Schultz

The status quo will likely remain for companies that store chemicals in above-ground tanks.

Japan's New Ivory Trade Rules Lack Adequate Teeth, Critics Say (Corrected)

By Brian Yap

Japanese businesses that sell ivory products, such as print-stamp seals used in contract work, will have stricter registration requirements and other obligations under new regulations, but loopholes weaken the revised ivory trade rule, critics say.

House GOP Budget Plan Calls for More Strategic Oil Reserve Sales

By Ari Natter

House Republicans are calling for an additional sale of 100 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

One Amendment Could Help a Vulnerable Republican's Re-election

By Katherine Scott

A House Republican facing a tough re-election contest has a lot on the line as Senate leaders consider when to schedule a vote on a bill that would order the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite \$78 million worth of work in one Iowa district.

EPA Sued For Permitting More Air Pollution Near National Parks

By Amena H. Saiyid

The EPA is facing a lawsuit for allowing factories and power plants that are expanding or constructing new facilities near national parks and wilderness areas to emit more pollution.

White House Weighs Long-Sought Environmental Review Changes

By Alan Kovski

The White House Council on Environmental Quality is ready to consider fundamental revisions to the implementing regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act, a law that has been the centerpiece of countless legal fights.

GOP Chairman Bows to Pressure, Will Hold Hearing on EPA's Pruitt (1)

By Dean Scott

The chairman of the Senate environment panel bowed to pressure from Democratic and Republican critics alike June 19, agreeing to hold a hearing in August on embattled EPA head Scott Pruitt.



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